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Annual Report of the Town Offices of

Dalton, New Hampshire

For the year ending December 31, 2007

Dalton Town Warrant

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Dalton, NH on Tuesday, the 11th day of March 2008, to act upon the itemized subjects to follow. The polls will open at 8 a.m. in the forenoon and will close at 7 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the Dalton School Gymnasium and will be opened at 7 o'clock in the evening.

1. To elect all necessary officers for the year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Dollars ($226,000) for the purchase of a new Fire Department Pumper Truck (engine) and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Dollars ($126,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and furthermore; to authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) from the Fire Department Major Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. A 2/3 ballot vote is required. Selectmen recommend this article.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Two Dollars ($740,702) for general Town operations.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be added to the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purchase and replacement of highway equipment. Selectmen recommend this article.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000) to be added to the Sewer Pump Renovation and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectmen recommend this article.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be added to the Fire Department Major Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purchase and replacement of fire equipment. Selectmen recommend this article.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars ($6,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purchase of a new cruiser. Selectmen recommend this article.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be added to the Highway Paving Capital Reserve Fund.
Selectmen recommend this article.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Thousand Dollars ($1,000) to be added to the Pay Per Bag Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the repurchase of bags for the "Pay Per Bag" system. The source of these funds will be 25 cents from each bag sold. Selectmen recommend this article.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Major Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Such funds to come from the sale of the 1977 GMC 6500 Fire Department engine. The Selectmen recommend this article.

11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Major Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Such funds to come from the sale of the 1989 FR9B Fiat loader. Selectmen recommend this article.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety Five Dollars ($4,195.00) for the purchase of a Digital Ally in Car Video System. A minimum of 50% will come from a Highway Safety Agency Grant. Other sources for funding will be sought. Selectmen recommend this article.

13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of improving, expanding and renovating of town owned buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Two Thousand Dollars ($32,000) to be placed in this fund. This fund to be named the Town Owned Buildings Improvement, Expansion and Renovation Fund. Also to see if the Town will appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this account. The source of these funds will come from the unreserved fund balance. No taxes will be raised from this appropriation. Majority vote required. Selectmen recommend this article.

14. To see if the town will vote to accept the Dalton Elementary School property (tax map 403 lot 60) from the White Mountains Regional School District. Selectmen recommend this article.

15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty One Thousand One Hundred Dollars ($21,100) to purchase a 2008 police cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of Twenty One Thousand One Hundred Dollars ($21,100) from the Police Department Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. Selectmen recommend this article.

16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) for the purpose of a total revaluation of the Dalton Hydro Dam. Selectmen recommend this article.

17. To see if the town will vote to require that the Annual Town Report contain an itemized list of each expenditure made by every department as that which is reflected in the Town of Bath's Annual Report. Petitioned article.

18. To see if the town will vote to require that all town minutes be recorded in their entirety and printed as such, thereby they will then reflect the actual content and dialogue between the selectmen and the participants at the town meeting, thereby town residents can obtain a more precise and accurate understanding and record of town affairs. Petitioned article.

19. To see if the town will vote to require that all town minutes be posted in the town hall, town office as well as on the front door to the town offices. Petitioned article.

20. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

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FINANCIALS

Operating Budget	Appropriated 2007	Actual 2007	Proposed 2008
Executive			
Board of Selectmen		4,500	
Printing & Public Notices		1,292	
Miscellaneous & Dues		1,174	
Total Executive	**7,500**	**6,966**	**7,500**
Other General Government			
Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord Senior Meals	500	500	500
Tri County Cap Meals			215
Caleb Group			1,650
Mount Washington Regional Airport			695
North Country Council	931	931	979
Total Other General Government	**1,431**	**1,431**	**4,039**
Property-Liability Insurance	**14,000**	**14,133**	**16,500**
Town Clerk			
Town Clerk Salary		1,000	
Town Clerk Fees		3,357	
Department of Agriculture		671	
Office Expenses		211	
Deputy Town Clerk		782	
Payments to State Vital Records		202	
Total Town Clerk	**9,000**	**6,223**	**8,000**
Voter Registration & Election			
Supervisors' Salaries		254	
Supplies, Postage & Notices		87	
Election Workers		165	
Election Miscellaneous		71	
Total Voter Registration & Election	**1,000**	**577**	**4,000**
Financial Administration			
Salaries & Fees		36,544	
Auditor		5,600	
Assessor		10,200	
Registry Fees		267	
Maintenance, Supplies & Dues		4,688	

Postage		2,721	
Mapping		1,547	
RSA's		491	
Total Financial Administration	**65,000**	**62,058**	**68,000**
Legal Expenses			
Dannis		8,739	
Dalton Hydro		40,683	
Miscellaneous		65	
Total Legal Expense	**50,000**	**49,487**	**50,000**
Personnel Administration			
Social Security	13,900	13,394	14,300
Medicare	3,350	3,133	3,500
State Unemployment Tax	1,000	369	500
Workers' Compensation Fund	14,925	15,027	13,630
Employee Health Insurance	80,720	75,077	82,785
Total Personnel Administration	**113,895**	**107,000**	**114,715**
Planning & Zoning			
Postage		346	
Secretary Salary		500	
Miscellaneous		295	
Total Planning & Zoning	**1,500**	**1,141**	**1,500**
General Government Buildings			
Utilities		5,325	
Custodian		1,128	
Maintenance & Repairs		2,084	
Total General Government Buildings	**17,000**	**8,537**	**27,000**
Police Department			
Chief's Salary		12,500	
Specials Pay		* 9,032	
Gasoline		4,182	
Vehicle Expenses		1,608	
Telephone, Cell Phone & Pagers		1,230	
Dues & Conventions		200	
Equipment Maintenance		591	
Reference Material		629	
Office Expenses		1,388	

Uniforms		352	
Training		594	
Total Police	**31,500**	**32,306**	**38,000**
* Special detail pay received $448			
Fire Department			
Building Maintenance		549	
Maintenance, Refills, & Repairs		4,745	
Utilities		1,556	
New Equipment		7,492	
Chief's Salary		1,000	
Salaries		5,539	
Dues		100	
Gas & Diesel		245	
Supplies		1,114	
Uniforms		143	
Fire Prevention		234	
Total Fire Department	**26,000**	**22,717**	**26,000**
Forest Fire Control	**1,000**	**---**	**1,000**
Emergency Management	**750**	**727**	**750**
Ambulance	**5,380**	**5,380**	**5,380**
Cemeteries	**4,000**	**3,457**	**5,000**
Highway Department			
Highway Salaries		127,423	
Building Maintenance & Repairs		3,817	
Uniforms		1,500	
Office & Shop Supplies		3,890	
Tools		1,274	
Vehicles Maintenance & Repairs		15,467	
Maintenance & Supplies		3,832	
Asphalt, Gravel & Dust Control		41,477	
Gas & Diesel		32,931	
Snow & Ice Control		16,260	
Total Highway Department	**223,000**	**247,871**	**241,000**
Street Lighting	**1,000**	**979**	**1,000**

Solid Waste			
Disposal Fees		18,669	
Utilities		1,176	
Maintenance, Repairs & Supplies		542	
Training		150	
Well Testing		2,006	
Salaries		17,772	
Total Solid Waste	**42,500**	**40,315**	**42,500**
Sewage Disposal			
Superintendent Salary		495	
Payments to Lunenburg		7,360	
Utilities		2,798	
Maintenance & Repairs		1,300	
Total Sewage Disposal	**12,500**	**11,953**	**12,500**
Health Administration	**750**	**257**	**750**
Health Agencies			
Weeks Home Health	4,793	4,793	4,937
Ammonoosuc Community Health			750
White Mountain Mental Health			1,136
Total Health Agencies	**4,793**	**4,793**	**6,823**
Animal Control	**750**	**---**	**750**
Welfare			
Direct Assistance	3,000	1,535	3,000
Community Action Program	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Welfare	**4,000**	**2,535**	**4,000**
Library	**11,287**	**11,287**	**11,833**
Parks & Recreation	**500**	**162**	**500**
Patriotic Purposes	**200**	**109**	**200**
Conservation Commission	**1,200**	**1,200**	**700**
Principal-Long Term Debt	**17,059**	**17,059**	**26,692**
Interest-Long Term Debt	**3,267**	**3,277**	**8,070**
Interest-Tax Anticipation Note	**5,000**	**----**	**5,000**
Capital Outlay	**1,000**	**----**	**1,000**
Total Operating Budget	**667,762**	**663,937**	**740,702**

Warrant Articles

Transfers from General Fund to Capital Reserve Accts.	83,000	83,000	82,000
"Pay Per Bag" Replacement Fund	1,000	1,000	1,000
Tri-County CAP North Country Elderly	215	215	
Ballistic Vests	4,500	3,046	
Caleb	1,650	1,650	
Town Hall Survey	3,500	2,733	
Ammonoosuc Community Health	750	750	
White Mt. Mental Health	1,136	1,136	
Town Hall Renovations	10,000	10,000	
Mt Washington Regional Airport	695	695	
Digital Ally in Car Video System			4,195
Revaluation of Dalton Hydro Dam			10,000
Total Warrant Articles	**106,446**	**104,225**	**97,195**
Other Payments:			
Conservation Commission (50% of Current Use Revenue)		4,656	
Overpayments		257	
Broadband Grant		9,000	
Cross Rd		1,683	
Tax Lien		120,335	
Total Other Payments:		**135,931**	
Taxes Paid to County		289,190	
Taxes Paid to School		753,267	
Total Payments Made To Other Government Entities		**1,042,457**	

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

After months of discussion with the District School Committee, the Selectboard has successfully negotiated the acquisition of the Dalton Elementary School for municipal use as of July 1 of this year for the sum of $1.

The transaction requires passage on March 11 of warrants advanced by the school district to sell the building and acreage and for the Town of Dalton to accept the property. The Selectboard urges district and local approval. Passage will mean Dalton can turn the school into a vibrant community center and passive recreation area while we make a positive impact on the school district budget expected to rise to $19 million this year.

Projections of declining school enrollment, supported by a consultant's report released in the spring of 2007, essentially relegated the Dalton school to surplus property.

Tentative plans call for relocation of town offices and the Police Department to the school building. Library trustees have indicated they prefer to remain in the town building where floor space can be increased significantly.

The school building has a gymnasium and kitchen. We believe the acquisition will allow for expanded recreation programs and support a variety of social activities that are important to our residents. A preliminary *pro bono* inspection by town resident Andrew White, a structural engineer, indicated the building is structurally sound.

Receipt of approximately of $32,000 as part of the 15 Mile Falls settlement may be used for public property and recreation expenses.

The Selectboard is weighing the possibility of leasing some space in the town building, possibly for a U.S. Postal Service sub-station or a services-related business. We invite public comments regarding the acquisition and projected uses.

Town and school district moderator Charlie Packard has retired after 32 years of combined service. Hallmarks of Mr. Packard's tenure as moderator were fairness and firmness with a touch of humor to take the edge off of what were at times contentious debates.

Last year marked the passing of Ray Bartlett who guided the growth of the Fire Department as Chief and who, in his retirement years, manned the town's sewage pumping station.

The fifth and final year of the town wide revaluation effort will be completed this year. The municipal budget reflects a $10,000 outlay for the reappraisal of the Dalton Hydroelectric dam, a significant revenue source.

Thanks to a $10,000 grant administered by the North Country Investment Corporation (NCIC), a high speed internet access pilot project is expected to come to parts of Dalton this year.

Last year Town Meeting approved the expenditure of up to $10,000 for mold remediation at the town building. The remediation efforts by town employees were successful and came in at budget.

Town employee health care costs continue to spiral upwards to more than $82,000 this coming year. Due to an inadequate number of proposals submitted to us this past year, the Board decided not to pursue implementation of health savings accounts as a means of reining in costs. Health care cost containment will be a priority this fiscal year.

Except for holidays, the Selectboard conducts business at the town offices on Mondays at 6 PM. The public is always welcome.

Our sincere thanks to town employees, department heads, committee members and the many volunteers for their efforts in making Dalton a special place to live.

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Respectfully submitted,
Brian R. Hardy, Chair
Victor St. Cyr
Michael Crosby

Town Road Crew

January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Town Offices Closed due to Holiday	2 7:00 Planning Board	3 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	4	5 9:00 Ladies Aid
6	7 6:00 Selectmen	8 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting * 7:00 Dalton Auxiliary	9 7:00 Grange	10	11	12
13	14 6:00 Selectmen	15 7:00 Fire Dept Training *	16	17 6:30 Conservation Commission	18	19
20	21 6:00 Selectmen	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 6:00 Selectmen	29	30	31		

* Meets at the Fire Station

Dalton Ridge Runners' New Groomer

February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00 Ladies Aid
3	4 6:00 Selectmen	5 7:00 Budget Hearing 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting *	6 7:00 Planning Board	7 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	8	9
10	11 6:00 Selectmen	12 7:00 Dalton Auxiliary	13 7:00 Grange	14	15	16 10:00 Winter Reading Program
17	18 Town Offices Closed due to Holiday	19 7:00 Fire Dept Training *	20	21 6:30 Conservation Commission	22	23 10:00 Winter Reading Program
24	25 6:00 Selectmen	26	27	28	29	* Meets at the Fire Station

Road Crew Removing A Rock On Forest Lake Road

March 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 Ladies Aid 10:00 Winter Reading Program
2	3 6:00 Selectmen	4 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting *	5 7:00 Planning Board	6 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	7	8 10:00 Winter Reading Program
9	10 6:00 Selectmen	11 **Town Meeting** 8am 7pm Voting 7pm Town Meeting **	12 7:00 Grange	13	14	15
16	17 6:00 Selectmen	18 7:00 Fire Dept Training * 7:00 Dalton Auxiliary	19	20 6:30 Conservation Commission	21	22
23	24 6:00 Selectmen	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 6:00 Selectmen					* Meets at the Fire Station ** Meets at the Dalton School

Forest Lake Road Almost Done After Removal of Rock

April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting *	2 7:00 Planning Board	3 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	4	5 9:00 Ladies Aid
6	7 6:00 Selectmen	8 7:00 Dalton Auxiliary	9	10	11	12
13	14 6:00 Selectmen	15 7:00 Fire Dept Training *	16 7:00 Grange	17 6:30 Conservation Commission	18	19
20	21 6:00 Selectmen	22	23	24	25 4:00 - 8:00 Library Book Sale	26 9:00 - 2:00 Library Book Sale
27	28 6:00 Selectmen	29	30			* Meets at the Fire Station

The Pump House

May 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	2	3 9:00 Ladies Aid
4	5 6:00 Selectmen	6 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting * 7:00 Dalton Auxiliary	7 7:00 Planning Board	8	9	10
11	12 6:00 Selectmen	13 7:00 Dalton Auxiliary	14 7:00 Grange	15 6:30 Conservation Commission	16	17
18	19 6:00 Selectmen	20 7:00 Fire Dept Training *	21	22	23	24
25	26 Town Offices Closed due to Holiday	27	28	29	30	31 * Meets at the Fire Station

Library Reading Program Getting a Tour of the Cruiser

June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:00 Selectmen	3 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting *	4 7:00 Planning Board	5 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	6	7 9:00 Ladies Aid
8	9 6:00 Selectmen	10 7:00 Dalton Auxiliary	11 7:00 Grange	12	13	14
15	16 6:00 Selectmen	17 7:00 Fire Dept Training *	18	19 6:30 Conservation Commission	20	21
22	23 6:00 Selectmen	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 6:00 Selectmen					

Library Reading Program After a Tour of the Fire Department

July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting *	2 2:00 Summer Reading Program 7:00 Planning Board	3 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	4	5 9:00 Ladies Aid
6	7 6:00 Selectmen	8 7:00 Dalton Auxiliary	9 2:00 Summer Reading Program 7:00 Grange	10	11	12
13	14 6:00 Selectmen	15 7:00 Fire Dept Training *	16 2:00 Summer Reading Program	17 6:30 Conservation Commission	18	19
20	21 6:00 Selectmen	22	23 2:00 Summer Reading Program	24	25	26
27	28 6:00 Selectmen	29	30 2:00 Summer Reading Program	31		

* Meets at the Fire Station

Scenic Picture of Union Road

August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00 Ladies Aid
3	4 6:00 Selectmen	5 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting *	6 2:00 Summer Reading Program 7:00 Planning Board	7 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	8	9
10	11 6:00 Selectmen	12 7:00 Dalton Auxiliary	13 7:00 Grange	14	15	16
17	18 6:00 Selectmen	19 7:00 Fire Dept Training *	20	21 6:30 Conservation Commission	22	23
24 31	25 6:00 Selectmen	26	27	28	29	30 * Meets at the Fire Station

Blakslee Road in the Fall

September 2008

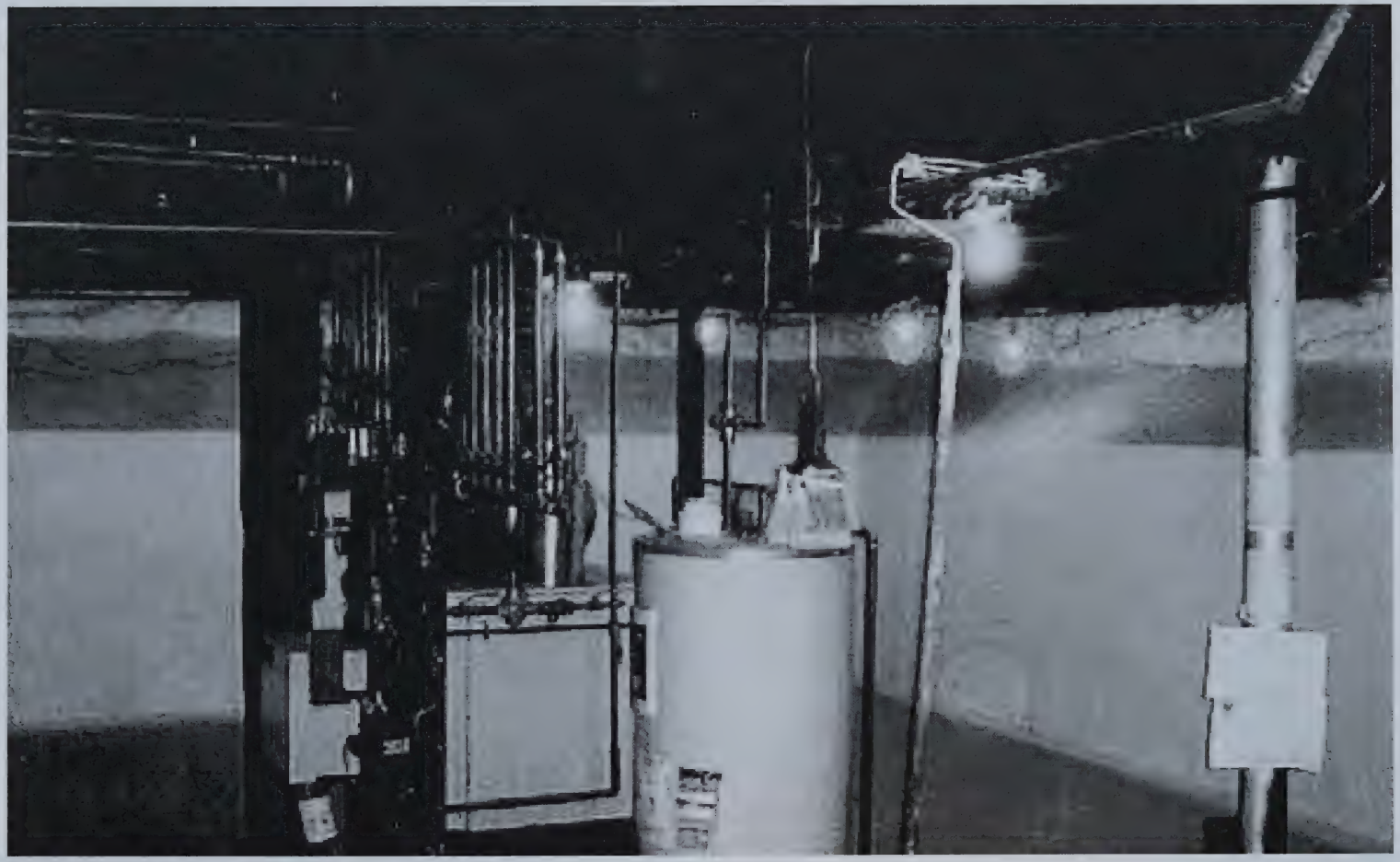
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Town Offices Closed due to Holiday	2 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting *	3 7:00 Planning Board	4 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	5	6 9:00 Ladies Aid
7	8 6:00 Selectmen	9 **Primary Election**	10 7:00 Grange	11	12	13
14	15 6:00 Selectmen	16 7:00 Fire Dept Training * 7:00 Dalton Auxiliary	17	18 6:30 Conservation Commission	19	20
21	22 6:00 Selectmen	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 6:00 Selectmen	30				

* Meets at the Fire St

Forest Lake in the Fall

October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 Planning Board	2 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	3	4 9:00 Ladies Aid
5	6 6:00 Selectmen	7 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting *	8 7:00 Grange	9	10	11
12	13 Town Offices Closed due to Holiday	14 7:00 Dalton Auxiliary	15	16 6:30 Conservation Commission	17	18
19	20 6:00 Selectmen	21 7:00 Fire Dept Training *	22	23	24	25
26	27 6:00 Selectmen	28	29	30	31	* Meets at the Fire Station



Town Hall Basement Storage Area After Mold Clean Up

November 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 Ladies Aid
2	3 6:00 Selectmen	4 **General Election** 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting *	5 7:00 Planning Board	6 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	7	8
9	10 6:00 Selectmen	11 Town Offices Closed due to Holiday 7:00 Dalton Auxiliary	12 7:00 Grange	13	14	15
16	17 6:00 Selectmen	18 7:00 Fire Dept Training *	19	20 6:30 Conservation Commission	21	22
23	24 6:00 Selectmen	25	26	27 Town Offices Closed due to Holiday	28	29
30						* Meets at the Fire Station

Children with Santa at the Dalton Auxiliary's "Christmas in Dalton"

December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 Selectmen	2 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting *	3 7:00 Planning Board	4 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	5	6 9:00 Ladies Aid
7	8 6:00 Selectmen	9 7:00 Dalton Auxiliary	10 7:00 Grange	11	12	13
14	15 6:00 Selectmen	16 7:00 Fire Dept Training *	17	18 6:30 Conservation Commission	19	20
21	22 6:00 Selectmen	23	24	25 Town Offices Closed due to Holiday	26	27
28	29 6:00 Selectmen	30	31			

* Meets at the Fire Station

ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS

Land Use Change Tax	4,000
Timber Yield Taxes	15,700
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	30,000
Other Taxes	9,000
Inventory Penalties	1,000
Excavation Tax	2,500
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	155,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,000
Shared Revenue	7,638
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	42,841
Highway Block Grant	63,806
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	378
Railroad Tax	600
Income from Departments	1,000
Other Charges	22,500
Sale of Municipal Property	1,375
Interest on Investments	8,000
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	34,500
Special Revenue Funds	4,250
Trust and Agency Funds	800
Total Revenues and Credits	**$ 407,888**
Unexpended Fund Balance	50,000
Net Town Appropriations	**$ 457,888**

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Appropriations	$784,208
Less Revenues	(457,888)
Less Shared Revenues	(7,179)
Add: Overlay	25,332
War Service Credits	44,000
Approved Town Effort	**$388,473**
Due to Regional School District	$1,461,056
Less Adequate Education Grant	(658,914)
State Education Taxes	(162,902)
Approved School Effort	**$639,240**
State Education Taxes	**$162,902**
Due to County	$289,190
Less Shared Revenue	(1,412)
Approved County Effort	**$287,778**
Total Property Taxes Assessed	$ 1,478,393
Less War Service Credits	(44,000)
Total Property Tax Commitment	**$ 1,434,393**

Approved Tax Rate

$ 25.46

Town - $ 6.64 Local School - $10.93 State School - $ 2.97

County - $4.92

REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Highway Block Grant	82,357.33
Revenue Sharing	16,229.00
Ice Storm Grant	5,538.23
Rooms & Meals	42,841.06
Telecommunication Grant	9,000.00
Forest Lands	378.48
TOTAL	**$ 156,344.10**

REVENUE FROM SELECTMEN

Transfer from Cemetery Acct. to General Fund	888.09
Donations	100.00
Sale of Town Property	1,375.00
Income from Departments	1,907.60
Copy Money	769.90
Refuse Charges	7,153.02
Sale of Garbage Bags	18,215.00
Dividends & Reimbursements	3,813.13
15 Mile Falls	35,388.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	230.00
Total	**69,839.74**
Grand Total	**$ 226,183.84**

SELECTMEN'S REPORT SUMMARY INVENTORY

Current Use Land	$ 904,214.00
Residential Land	16,707,900.00
Commercial/Industrial Land	698,900.00
Residential Buildings	31,504,700.00
Manufactured Housing	4,649,200.00
Commercial/Industrial Buildings	667,000.00
Public Utilities	3,552,833.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	**$ 58,684,747.00**
Less Elderly Exemptions	203,000.00
Net Valuation	**$ 58,481,747.00**

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall Land, Building and Contents	$ 190,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	60,000.00
Police Department Equipment	50,000.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	125,000.00
Fire Station Building and Contents	175,000.00
Fire Department Vehicles	175,000.00
Town Highway Garage and Contents	198,900.00
Highway Department Vehicles	450,000.00
Transfer Station, Equipment and Contents	45,000.00
Parks and Playgrounds	18,000.00
Pump Station and Contents	134,000.00
Total Town Property	**$1,620,900.00**

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

CAPITAL RESERVES:

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Balance as of 01/01/2007	58,952.90
Funds Deposited:	
Warrant Article	27,000.00
Interest on Investments	3,252.85
12/31/2007 Balance	**89,205.75**

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Balance as of 01/01/2007	8,074.54
Funds Deposited:	
Warrant Article	26,000.00
Interest on Investments	712.69
Funds Withdrawn:	(9,824.58)
12/31/2007 Balance	**24,962.65**

SEWER PUMP RENOVATION & REPLACEMENT

Balance as of 01/01/2007	6,176.91
Funds Deposited:	
Warrant Article	1,000.00
Interest on Investments	308.34
12/31/2007 Balance	**7,485.25**

PAVING

Balance as of 01/01/2007	10,756.73
Funds Deposited:	
Creation with Warrant Article	25,000.00
Interest on Investments	908.67
Funds Withdrawn - Asphalt	(4,542.93)
12/31/2007 Balance	**32,122.47**

POLICE CRUISER

Balance as of 01/01/2007	10,205.73
Funds Deposited:	
Warrant Article	5,000.00
Interest on Investments	574.88
12/31/2007 Balance	**15,780.61**

GENERAL FUND TRUSTS:

TRANSFER STATION REPAIR, REPLACEMENT & EQUIP

Balance as of 01/01/2007	35,256.37
Funds Deposited:	
Interest on Investments	1,648.41
12/31/2007 Balance	**36,904.78**

PAY PER BAG REPLACEMENT FUND

Balance as of 01/01/2007	5,288.69
Funds Deposited:	
Warrant Article	1,000.00
Interest on Investments	266.81
12/31/2007 Balance	**6,555.50**

CEMETERY CARE AND MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance as of 01/01/2007	262.50
Funds Deposited:	
Interest on Investments	11.47
Funds Withdrawn:	
Income to offset the care of cemetery	(11.47)
12/31/2007 Balance	**262.50**

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS:

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE

Balance as of 01/01/2007	20,066.40
Funds Deposited:	
Interest on Investments	876.62
Funds Withdrawn:	
Income to offset the care of cemetery	(876.62)
12/31/2007 Balance	**20,066.40**

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy York-Letson
Bookkeeper, Trustee of Trust Funds

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEG. OF YEAR	2007	2006
Property		232,691.42
Land Use Change		
Yield		976.25
Excavation		
Sewer		2,805.00
Penalties		632.72
TAXES COMMITTED		
Property	1,436,762.00	
Land Use Change	21,917.30	
Yield	16,871.90	
Excavation	3,919.92	
Sewer	9,180.00	
Penalties	2,198.00	
OVERPAYMENTS	263.10	3.11
Interest-Late Tax	1,068.27	15,404.57
TOTAL DEBITS	**1,492,180.49**	**252,513.07**

	2007	2006
REMITTED TO TREASURER:		
Property	1,154,254.41	110,018.60
Land Use Change	9,312.30	
Yield	16,871.90	976.25
Interest	1,068.27	15,404.57
Penalties	1,151.02	311.72
Excavation	2,335.56	
Sewer	5,950.00	1,651.43
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		110,787.50
ABATEMENTS	4,160.18	13,363.00
UNCOLLECTED		
Property	279,092.69	
Land Use Change	12,605.00	
Excavation	1,102.18	
Sewer	3,230.00	
Penalties	1,046.98	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	**1,492,180.49**	**252,513.07**

SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS REDEEMED
As of December 31, 2007

DEBITS

	2006	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed taxes as of Jan. 1, 2007		156,636.64
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	120,335.00	
Interest Collected After Lien	1,328.31	7,890.02
TOTAL DEBITS	**121,663.31**	**164,526.66**

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Redemptions	11,727.30	29,710.66
Interest & Costs After Lien	1,328.31	7,890.02
Abatements	99.50	105,351.29
Refunds	(.69)	(.01)
Liens Deeded to Town	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed at Close of Year	108,508.89	21,574.70
TOTAL CREDITS	**121,663.31**	**164,526.66**

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Checking Account

Balance as of 01/01/2007	(6,206.33)
2007 Receipts	
Tax Collector	1,480,749.82
Town Clerk	163,212.17
Selectmen	226,183.84
Total Receipts	**$ 1,870,145.83**
Transfers	(5,600.00)
Bank Interest Earned	50.01
Adjustments	(55.05)
2007 Payments - Order of Selectmen	(1,948,625.84)
Balance Checking Account 12/31/2007	**$ (90,291.38)** *

*negative balance due to Jan. '08 transfer

Trust Account

Balance as of 1//1/2007	235,303.69
Transfers	5,600.00
Bank Interest Earned	11,331.37
Balance Trust Account 12/31/2007	**$ 252,235.06**

Dalton Conservation Commission Account

Balance 1/1/2007	591.11
Deposits	5,856.15
Transfers	(3,356.15)
Payments	(2,827.96)
Interest Earned	.31
Balance 12/31/2007	**$ 263.46**

Dalton Conservation Commission Trust Account

Balance 1/1/2007	42,137.37
Transfers	3,356.15
Interest Earned	1,920.97
Balance 12/31/2007	**$ 47,414.49**

Sharon Tupper, Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	
2007 Permits Issued	$160,547.67
Dog Licenses and Penalties Collected:	
Licenses	2,041.50
Penalties	350.00
Filing Fees	6.00
Vital Statistics	267.00
TOTAL DEBITS	**$163,212.17**

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Motor Vehicle Permits	$160,547.67
Dog Licenses	2,041.50
Dog Penalties	350.00
Filing Fees	6.00
Vital Statistics	267.00
TOTAL CREDITS	**$163,212.17**
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued in 2007	1,493

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra York, Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, NH

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH
Jan 28	Noah Brent	Covell, Brent	Earnshaw, Shauna	Littleton, NH
Mar 23	Jayden	Menyhart, Istvan	Leporati, Geri	Littleton, NH
Jun 14	Corbin Zander	Arellano, Issac	Goodwin, Amber	Littleon, NH
Jul 01	Anders Michael	Jensen, Michael	Jensen, Kimberly	Lancaster, NH

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, NH

DATE	NAME OF GROOM	RESIDENCE	NAME OF BRIDE	RESIDENCE
Apr 21	Gainer, John	Dalton, NH	Brown, Susan	Dalton, NH
Jun 02	Landry, Christopher	Dalton, NH	Smith, Kristin	Dalton, NH
Jun 02	White Andrew	Dalton, NH	Gragen, Lindsay	Dalton, NH
Jun 10	Rancourt, Tyler	Lancaster, NH	Ballentine, Amanda	Dalton, NH
Jun 16	Ruggles, Jason	Dalton, NH	Simino, Libby	Dalton, NH
Jul 15	Oulette, David	Dalton, NH	Vance, Bonnie	Sugar Hill, NH
Jul 28	Russell, Lawrence	Dalton, NH	Verratti, Constance	Dalton, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, NH

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER (MAIDEN)
May 11	Hailstones, David	Dalton, NH	Hailstones, David	Faulds, Elizabeth
Jun 05	Lyons, Margaret	Dalton, NH	Moccia, Joseph	Rose, Margaret
Jun 17	LaCroix, Gertrude	Dalton, NH	Lapointe, Edgar	Devoist, Regina
Sep 28	Bartlett, Raymond	Dalton, NH	Bartlett, Floyd	Elliott, Katherine

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The training of Dalton Conservation Commission (DCC) members is an important element for an informed and effective commission. The DCC participated in several local training workshops in 2007, which included municipal law, State of NH Dam Program and wetlands permitting process. One member completed an intensive four-day New Hampshire Coverts project workshop on wildlife habitat and forestry management.

This past year, the DCC joined other conservation commissions and volunteer groups to participate in the NH Volunteer River Assessment Program (VARP). We purchased the necessary equipment and began a twice-monthly water quality program on the Connecticut and Johns Rivers. The VARP program is supervised by New Hampshire Department of Environmental services (NHDES). The data is collected by trained volunteers and sent to Concord for compilation and analysis. In the future, we may expand to monitor other water bodies in Dalton.

The Conservation Commission continues its efforts to bring to the citizens of Dalton a Conservation Plan to aid the town in making informed decisions for protecting our valuable natural resources. The plan will also serve as a tool to assist in guiding future development plans and economic growth.

DCC members are: Nancy Comeau, Ed Craxton, Hele Delage, Doris Korst, Becky McVetty, John Paquette and Ed Tomashek.

DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Dalton Fire Department responded to 31 calls. We responded to 7 car accidents, 3 power lines down, 2 chimney fires, 1 structure fire, 5 alarm activations, 2 forest fires, 2 lift assist for the ambulance, 1 box fan fire, 1 ATV fire and 7 mutual aid calls to surrounding towns for major structure fires.

In 2007 we were busy working on putting the specs for a new engine together. We met with four different fire apparatus builders and received quotes from all. The truck we've decided on is a K&T Fire Equipment spec truck out of Island Falls, Maine. This truck was best suited for our town. A pamphlet on all the specs and pricing to include financing will be available at the town hall and the Top of Hill Store prior to town meeting. We also put into service a set of Amkus rescue tools including a 28" spreader and a cutter. (These are also known as the Jaws of Life)

The Dalton Fire Department continued to update the fire prevention program in town and will continue to update it in 2008.

I would like to thank all the members of the Dalton Fire Department, Highway Department and the Dalton Auxiliary and town's people for their support.

Fire Prevention Suggestions

With the rising prices of fuel more people are turning to wood as a source of heat. Please remember to burn seasoned wood, where as unseasoned wood creates excessive creosote and can lead to plugged chimneys and stove pipes and lead to chimney fires. With the heavy snow falls and thaws please remember to keep all your exits from your house clear of snow and ice.

The Dalton Fire Department's goals for 2008 will be to continue looking for new members, work on updating some of the dry hydrants and to update fire call procedures.

Respectfully submitted,
Brett Hucksoll, Fire Chief

2007 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Dalton Highway Department had a very busy start to the winter in 2007. Record snowfall kept the road crew going pretty much nonstop, and they all did an awesome job keeping up, working tirelessly. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

During the summer months the pump house on Bridge Hill got a fresh paint job. The road crew also did the work on the town offices and cellar to remove the mold that caused the town offices to have to be relocated upstairs for nearly a year. The cellar was gutted, cleaned and repainted. The offices got moved back downstairs in October.

The mowing and upkeep of town buildings was also done.

Drilling and expansion materials were used to remove a huge rock on the Forest Lake Road. The removal of it widened the road.

Reggie continues to do a great job running the transfer station. Reg sells town trash bags while the transfer station is open. Payment has to be by check, no cash.

The number to call for questions and concerns is 837-9821. Calls are returned as promptly as circumstances allow.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert C. Wentworth Jr, Road Agent

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board had a year of hands on learning. Even though the board only processed four applications, we were busy every meeting. This year was the first year that the board had strong abutter opposition on a proposed subdivision. The board listened to all the abutter's concerns and acted on them. We hired a consultant and worked with a state agency to address all voiced concerns. The consultant and state agency felt all concerns were met. After finding no other fault with the proposed subdivision, the board approved it.

The other real learning process the board had was a lot line adjustment changing ownership of over 300 acres. Conflicting opinions both from within the board as well as from outside sources were given on how best to handle this situation. Finally the board settled on what we felt was the most logical answer and we were able to approve this subdivision.

This year we were fortunate to pick up an alternate member. The State does suggest though that the board have two alternates. Therefore we are still looking for another alternate. If you have any interest, please join us at any of our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
John Letson, Chairman

DALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 31, 2007

Beginning balance - Jan 1, 2007	
Children's programs & services fund CD	$10,000.00
Checking account	1,694.11
Undeposited funds	59.95
	$11,754.06
Receipts:	
Town of Dalton-appropriation	$ 14,047.00
Donations	223.00
Book Sale	383.00
Interest on CPSF CD	742.01
Total receipts	**$ 15,395.01**
Expenditures:	
Salary	$ 7,400.00
Payroll taxes	596.73
Conference & education	743.48
Association dues	100.00
Telephone expense	1,237.11
Internet access	120.00
Equipment maintenance	506.50
Supplies	100.80
Books and materials	1,069.63
Programs	338.60
Total expenditures	**$12,612.85**
Ending balance - Dec. 31, 2007	**$14,536.22**
Children's p&s fund CD	$10,000.00
Checking account	4,536.22
	$14,536.22

Jean Abbott, Treasurer

LIBRARIAN REPORT

CIRCULATION:		ACCESSIONS:	
Adult Materials	1279	Adult Materials	243
Children's Materials	842	Children's Materials	118
Magazines, Videos, etc	183	Reference Materials	9
TOTAL CIRCULATION	2304	Video / Audio	30
		Periodicals	12
New Borrowers	19	TOTAL ACCESSIONS:	412
Regular Hours Open	480		
Volunteers Hours Open	278		

The winter reading program **"WARM UP WITH A GOOD BOOK"** was held during February. Children enjoyed stories, crafts and learning about winter animals. Saturdays were for stories and crafts. The library was decorated with penguins, snowmen and snowflakes. The summer reading program this year was entitled **"READING ROAD TRIP U.S.A."**. The children participating were visited by the Highway Department with their Dump Truck, the Police Department Cruiser and the Fire Department Fire Truck to learn about the vehicles on our highways. Many thanks to the volunteers that helped with the program.

For those patrons needing internet connections the library has a patron access computer system available during library hours. We also have FAX, copier and many reference and recreational materials for your use.

The library is raising money for new table and chairs for the children's area. We participated in the Annual Silver Tea, and the Annual Memory Tree fund to help with this purchase.

Several sections of the library were weeded out of the old books to make room for the new and donated books that have been given to the library. Two book sales were held to raise money for books. Donated books are always welcomed for our collection or for our sales. Plans are underway to have book sales again this year in April and August.

Along with the Trustees I attended the Library Association (NHLTA) conference; and several state and local library related meetings throughout the year.

The activities and happenings here are accomplished with the help of the many volunteers that provide time, assistance and money. We thank all who have been so generous with their donations, and gifts to the library.

The library hours are: Mon 2-5, Wed 3-8 and Sat 10-noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Mitton, Librarian

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

2007 was another year of change for the police department. With the departure of Sgt. Marcel Deveau in late 2006 and the hiring of three new officers, Officer Joshua Lee, Officer Kayla Audit, and Officer David Fleming. These changes brought the department back to the manpower levels that existed when I became Chief in 1994. Unfortunately for Dalton, Officer Joshua Lee accepted a full time position with the Littleton Police Department in September. We wish him well and will miss his dedication and enthusiasm.

In 2006 Troop F provided dispatch for 209 incidents in Dalton, 2007 showed an increase of 93 calls up to 302. This does not take into account the number of calls received directly by the department. The breakdown of calls is as follows:

Aggravated Assault	2	Simple Assault	6
Burglary	11	Theft from a Building	2
Theft from a M/V	2	Other Theft	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	Criminal Mischief	8
Drug Charges	1	Weapon Law Violations	1
DWI	1	Liquor Law Violations	4
Misc Law Violations	5	Serious Traffic Offenses	8

Incidents requiring Investigation	43	Arrests	14
		Field Interviews	16
Accidents	20	Traffic Citations/Warnings	367

The department received a grant for speed enforcement from the NH Highway Safety Agency which provided an additional 50 or so hours of patrol coverage as well as a 50% matching grant to assist in the purchase of an in car video system for the cruiser. The department will continue to apply for grants and other funding to enhance the ability to provide service to the town.

Please remember the Police Department phone number 837-2703 is a business number to be used for matters that do not require timely assistance. Should you need an officer in a emergency please dial 911 and assistance will be forthcoming. If you need to speak to an officer and the business number doesn't answer and you get a answering machine please call 846-3333 (Troop F) and they will dispatch a Dalton Officer.

Respectfully submitted,
John E. Tholl Jr
Chief of Police

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2007 started out as another routine year for Dalton's Emergency management, however due to the mold situation the EOC was pressed into service as temporary office space for the town offices. Then in April the emergency generator was put to an unexpected test when the town lost power for several days. The generator supplied power to the town hall and offices which allowed the town functions to operate and had the weather been much colder would have provided shelter had it become necessary. We are currently working on an update to the Town's Emergency Operations Plan and obtaining training for all the Town's personnel in the National Incident Management System to bring the town into compliance.

Respectfully submitted:
John E. Tholl Jr
Dalton EMD

THE MERCIER GROUP

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Dalton, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards that are generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Dalton, as of December 31, 2007, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its private-purpose trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Management has not presented a management's discussion and analysis of the financial statements. Although it is not required to be part of the basic financial statements, United States generally accepted accounting principals considers it required supplementary information.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Paul Mercier, CPA

CALEB INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS

The Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, a not-for-profit organization, which was established in October of 1995, continues to provide services to older adults in 8 northern New Hampshire communities. Caleb's heartfelt mission is to enhance independent living for the elderly, infirm and homebound by relieving isolation and assisting with friendly visits, care and supportive services through a network of volunteers and the fostering of caring communities.

In 2007, Caleb Caregivers assisted 296 Bethlehem, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Twin Mountain and Whitefield seniors. Over $50,724.05 worth of services were provided FREE to our clients. Caleb's 88 active volunteers donated over 2,703 hours and drove over 26,182 miles to help their older neighbors remain independent! Without these dedicated volunteers, Caleb would not exist. These volunteers give their time, their talents and most of all their hearts. Transportation to medical appointments, and for running errands, is one of the most requested services through Caleb. Caleb Volunteers made 803 trips this year. Of these trips 82 were long distance, taking seniors to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, North Conway, Manchester, Concord, White River Junction, and St. Johnsbury, to name a few. It costs $2.00 per mile to take a ride in a local taxicab, and Caleb's rides are provided free of charge.

Transportation is only one of the services that Caleb volunteers provide. Caleb volunteers provide other services as well; friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, help with chores, paperwork and light housekeeping are to name a few. Caleb volunteers also assist with various community programs, such as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. This State program is available, every other month, to New Hampshire seniors that are 60+, and that financially qualify. Caleb volunteers help distribute this food to seniors, who are totally homebound. Caleb continues to work with various pet organizations, regarding Caleb's Pet Food Project. Since this project began, in October of 2002, Caleb has given out over 20 tons of FREE pet food/litter to help seniors feed their pets! Not only has Caleb assisted various community programs, Caleb has also partnered with various organizations such as AARP, FIA (Faith In Action) and Service Link. These partnerships enable Caleb to better serve its Seniors. Last but not least, Caleb still provides training for seniors who want to learn how to use computers. Without the various services that Caleb provides, many older adults who need just a little extra help to continue living independently, might have had to go into a nursing home. The average cost of nursing home care is $185.00 per day.

There are no fees for the services that are provided by the Caleb Caregivers. The program is funded through grants, fundraisers, donations and generous appropriations of the towns in which the services are provided. We want to thank the residents of Dalton for their support and for making it possible for us to continue to provide these much needed services to the area's elders. The $1,650.00 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting was greatly appreciated, and we ask for your continued support in 2008.

Volunteers are always in great demand, so if you would like to become a volunteer, request a volunteer, or know someone who would benefit from our services, please call the Caleb Office at 837-9179, or contact anyone on the Board of Directors.

Neighbors helping neighbors, is what Caleb is all about, and it is what North Country residents are all about, too!

Respectfully submitted,
BOBBIE GAUDES
Executive Director

Board of Directors

Carl Rod, President-Jefferson
Larry Berg, Vice-President- Whitefield
David Glover, Treasurer-Whitefield
Myra Emerson, Clerk-Lancaster
Marie Dubreuil-Jefferson
Rev. Virginia Alvarez-Lancaster

LUNENBURG, GILMAN, CONCORD SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER REPORT

The Senior Center, independently run, is located on Riverside Avenue, in Gilman, Vermont.

Our kitchen served 8,742 meals this year to people 60 years old and their spouses. This includes Home bound deliveries in Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord, and Guildhall. Congregate and Homebound meals are served Tuesdays-Fridays at 12:00 noon.

Homebound meals are delivered by volunteers, with their vehicles. At this time we deliver from Kirby Mountain all the way to Guildhall. The Area Agency on Aging gives them a mileage reimbursement.

An advocate from the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont, located in St.Johnsbury, is available to help people with food stamps, fuel assistance, Social Security, and Medicaid/Medicare. Volunteers are available to help with Tax Rebates, and Companionship. Information about these programs is available by calling the Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-642-5119.

The Center sponsors many events that are open to the public. The Center now has Bingo each and every Monday at 6:30 in the evening. We have been blessed with folks who have been willing to help out with bingo and the Senior Center has enjoyed the fruits of the labor as we were able to get some expensive repairs done that were urgently needed. We thank everyone so much for their support as the money is well spent on the extra repairs and materials that we would never have been able to afford otherwise. The Center also has Trips, sponsors Flu shots, Blood Pressure Clinics, and gets help to do Tax returns in the spring.

The fourth Thursday of each month is "Bookmarks" at the Alden Balch Library in Lunenburg. Programs, books and refreshments on special occasions are available through this program.

Also available is the Commodities Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) which is for people 60 years old or older. This is delivered in the parking lot the 2nd Friday of the month for information please call the Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-642-5119 or the Food Bank for an application at 1-800-241-4648.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (T.E.F.A.P.) Is another service the Senior Center offers through the Vermont Food Bank to income eligible families, regardless of age. Volunteers inventory, bag, and distribute the food approximately the 3rd week of each month. We bagged and handed out roughly 960 bags of food to needy families last year. For assistance, either stop by the Senior Center Tues. - Fri. or call 892-6616.

Our famous "Boutique" is open Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am to noon, or by appointment. Clothing donations are gratefully accepted. The Boutique is also used to help victims of "fire losses" as they are invited in to get whatever they need or want at no cost to help them get back on their feet.

Continued community support for the center will go a long way to help keep services for the elderly available, where and when it is needed. We would like everyone to know also that we have some medical equipment such as porta-pottys, tub chairs, walkers, canes, crutches, and sometimes, wheelchairs that we loan out, at no cost, to anyone in need! We are always in need of volunteers to help keep our programs going.

The Center got a grant from Senator Bernie Sanders office to do some very much needed repairs and renovations. Hopefully by this time next year, there will be a whole new look in your Senior Center. Repairs and renovations are needed for the two bathrooms and both dining rooms. All of these things will be addressed with the grant money only!!!

We have had some furnace and heating problems, but are addressing them fairly well at this time. The cost of fuel is, of course, the one problem we all face.

For more information please call 892-6616.

I respectfully thank you for all considerations that you give our Senior Center.

Edward Wheelock, President/Chairman

WEEKS HOME HEALTH SERVICE

Weeks Medical Center-Home Health and Hospice is grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Dalton and greatly appreciates your continued support and confidence. Town funding is critically important and is used to assist families and individuals who are unable to pay for Home Health and Hospice Services and to support care where funding does not cover direct costs.

Our Home Health and Hospice Services continue to provide Dalton residents with a wide range of services. Weeks Home Health and Hospice provides continuity of health care from the hospital to patients' homes. Services include skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapies; certified home health aids; homemakers; medical social services; intravenous therapies and care to the terminally ill.

Our Medicare Certified Hospice program continues to provide excellent palliative care to the terminally ill. Weeks Hospice is a special kind of holistic care...focusing on the emotional and spiritual needs of the family, as well as the physical needs of the patient at the end of life. No one is refused care based on an inability to pay. Over the last year, an increasing number of hospice patients received care, support and love from our nurses, aides and volunteers. To celebrate their memory, a luminary service was held and many residents from area towns were in attendance. Thank you for your continuing support and confidence.

RIVERBEND SUBCOMMITTEE
CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Riverbend Subcommittee completed a new and expanded water resources chapter of the *Connecticut River Management Plan* focusing on the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and vegetated riparian buffers along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff. The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river, including alterations at the Gilman Dam. We encourage towns to consider our *Plan* and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances. We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading Didymo, the newly discovered invasive alga in the Connecticut River, and other invasive species.

Citizens who wish to represent the town should contact the Select Board. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome at our meetings, on the fourth Thursday evening of every other month, at the Littleton Community Center. A calendar, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, the *Connecticut River Management Plan* and much more are on the web at **www.crjc.org.**

Michael Crosby and Vic St.Cyr,
Dalton representatives
Riverbend Subcommittee

White Mountain Mental Health Common Ground
2007 Director's Report

As you sit on those folding chairs or bleachers at town meeting and listen to the warrant articles being discussed, you may wonder how the money you appropriate to White Mountain Mental Health/Common Ground is used your town. This report is one means of informing you, the taxpayers, about what is done with this funding.

First, in general terms: the impact of your support is seen in children who become more successful in school and better prepared for adulthood, in adults who resume functioning as employees and parents, in elders who are able to stay independent and productive and in families with a developmentally disabled member who are able to move forward with their own lives, knowing that there is support outside of the family circle for their loved one. People who receive life-saving medical services are eager to tell their friends and family about the success of their care. You have seen "cards of thanks" in the local papers, naming the physicians, nurses, family and friends who came to the aid of a grateful patient. These thanks are well deserved! But...have you ever seen a similar tribute to mental health, substance abuse or developmental disability professionals who save a life by being available to intervene in a life-threatening crisis of a different type? Chances are that your family member or neighbor will not advertise the fact that they have needed and used our services; life's challenges are often kept private. Having diabetes is much more acceptable than having schizophrenia, although both are chronic illnesses that can be managed through treatments, lifstyle education and support. We still struggle with the stigma attached to both behavioral health and developmental disability, but who among us has not been impacted by one or both?

Support for our services is an investment in the health and productivity of your town. In the North Country, unlike many parts of the State and Country, services continue to be available to ALL residents, not just those who can pay or those with a severe, biologic mental illness. This is because our towns and other supporters have recognized that unaddressed mental health and developmental issues have a tremendous negative "ripple effect" on the family, the economy and the whole community.

Although it is impossible to list all that we do, our core services include:

- 24 hour crisis intervention and assessment service for mental health emergencies
- Individual, marriage and family counseling, offered by highly trained mental health professionals with a variety of specialities
  Medication consultations to local physicians by Board certified psychiatrists
- "Full-life" supports for persons with serious and persistent mental illness, including housing, vocational and case management services individualized home placements for fifty persons with developmental disabilities
- Life-enriching jobs and social connections for people with mental illness and developmental disabilities
- Substance abuse prevention and treatment by our staff of licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors
- In 2007, 24 residents of the town of Dalton received 258 ½ hours of outpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment services at a discounted rate. Our ability to continue to offer these services on a sliding-fee scale is dependent upon the support of our communities.
- 100 families in our area received extensive assistance in supporting a person with a developmental disability. In many cases, the supports include "full-life" around the clock services.

Respectfully submitted
Jane C MacKay, LICSW
Area Director

MOUNT WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT

2007 was quite a busy year for the airport. Despite very high prices for aviation fuel, we saw a slight increase in visitors compared to 2006. Fuel sales, which we use as a barometer of airport use, were up.

This year we saw a significant increase in "business class" aircraft traffic. The airport had just over 200 operations, nearly double that of last year. Most of these flights were bringing folks to the two grand hotels. There were also a significant number of business travelers coming to the region for such purposes as dealing with the Groveton Paper Mills, real estate development, and business dealings with local manufacturers. Of course, the airport was used by several of the presidential candidates, as well.

While these numbers in and of themselves are positive, the underlying contribution the airport makes to the region is what we as volunteer leaders view as most important.

For 2007, the Mount Washington Regional Airport continued with its plan for growth and expansion. This fall, we broke ground on a program to develop a parallel taxiway, which will provide a significant level of added safety for aircraft on the ground. Studies are also underway for the planning and design of a precision instrument landing system (ILS) to be installed at Whitefield. When complete, Mt Washington Regional will be just one of a few airports in northern New England to have such a system. This ILS will, once again, provide a significant safety margin for al aircraft landing at our airport in bad weather conditions.

We are proud to have kept the contribution rate flat again this year: 75 cents per capita. In spite of higher energy costs, we believe our efforts to boost revenue from fuel sales, equitable user fees, and the use of volunteers to help manage the facility lets us keep the town obligation stable, while still providing benefits to residents and businesses in each of our communities. Year 2000 US Census figures place your contribution at $695.25.

Please contact me at 444-1388 if you have any questions. Again, we value your participation, and look forward to serving the aviation needs of your residents and businesses for many years to come.

Dave Willis, Vice Chairman

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

It is a pleasure to serve this large northern district of 98 towns, 4 cities, and 5 counties with a population of 247,000 people. The Executive Council is at the top of your Executive Branch of NH State Government. The Governor and Executive Council appoint 352 Commissions and Directors who administer NH law and budget as prescribed by the NH House and Senate.

2008 is the year to keep an eye on and follow the progress of the NH Transportation Plan. The recommended projects in the highway and bridge plan can be accomplished with existing revenue from the state gasoline tax, bonds and matching federal funds. The Executive Council held public hearings on the projects throughout the state and forwarded their recommendations to Governor Lynch. Governor Lynch will review our recommendations and then submit his recommended plan to the NH House and Senate by January 15th, 2008. Without any new revenues for additional projects we will be lucky to maintain the existing state highway and bridge system. If more work is desired than new revenues will have to be voted by the Members of the House and Senate and signed by the Governor. Contact your local legislators-House and Senate. Find them by going to www.nh.gov.

This large northern district needs more people on state mandated volunteer boards and commissions. Send your letter of interest and resume to my office, or to Kathy Goode, Director of Apointments/ Liaison to the Council, Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301, Tel (603) 271-2121. To find out what openings are available and to see a list of boards, visit the NH Secretary of State's website to see what is available/open at: www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.

I have available from my office informational items about the NH Executive Council, NH Constitution, NH Tourist Map, 2007 Consumer Handbook, and District Maps. If you would like to receive my Monday morning report by e-mail please send an e-mail address to rburton@nh.gov.

It is an honor to continue to serve you in my now 30 years as a public servant. Contact my office anytime about your ideas, concerns and problems with state government. I respond to all inquiries and challenges.

Raymond S. Burton

NOTES

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PHONE NUMBERS

To Report Any Emergency	DIAL 911
Canine Control Officer, Kathy Barden	837-9402
Fire Department - non emergency	837-3100
Highway Garage	837-9821
Library	837-2751
Police Department - non emergency	837-2703
Selectmen's Office	837-2092
Tax Collector	837-9802
Town Clerk	837-2092
Fax Line	837-9642

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Highway Department	7:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Mon-Fri
Library	2:00 PM - 5:00PM	Mon
	3:00 PM - 8:00PM	Wed
	10:00 AM - 12 noon	Sat
Police Department	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Mon
Selectmen's Office &	11:00 AM to 5:45 PM	Mon
Town Clerk	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Tues,Wed,Thur
Tax Collector	4:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Mon & Thurs
Transfer Station	12 noon to 5:00 PM	Tues
	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Sat

Selectmen meet every Mon (except holidays) at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall

Planning Board meets the 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

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Term Expires 2009

TAX COLLECTOR
Jessie Wentworth
Term Expires 2009

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Term Expires 2010

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Doris Mitton

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Sandra York	Appointment Expires 2008
Nancy McVetty	Appointment Expires 2010
Brian Hardy(ex-officio)	Appointment Expires 2010

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